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In re Application of:

PRIEWE, Jörg et al.

Examiner: Ware, Todd

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Title: COATED MEDICAL DEVICES AND IMPLANTS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the office action dated July 3, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3 and 15 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1-2 and 4-14 as follows.

1. (Amended) A stent comprising a coating which comprises a polycyanoacrylic acid ester, a polymethylene malonic acid ester, or a mixture thereof.

2. (Amended) A stent according to claim 1, wherein the stent comprises a metal or a polymer.

4. (Twice Amended) A stent according to claim 1, wherein the coating comprises a